

October 17, 2016

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians of the RHS Music Department,

We are pleased to announce that the destination for the 2017 Reservoir High School Music Department Spring Trip is Orlando, FL!! Our trip is set for Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be participating in the Festival Disney competition which takes place in the Disney World parks and resorts.

This will be a memorable, fun, and musically rewarding experience for all involved – students and parents alike. The uncertainty of the number of students attending makes it difficult to determine the exact price of the trip at this point. Based on our proposed itinerary, the estimated cost for the trip is **approx. \$900-\$950 per student**. The final amount will vary depending on the number of students and final contract amounts. In order to make our deposit deadlines for buses, hotels, and festival fees, ***we must receive your payments in a timely manner.***

**The first deposit of \$150.00 and permission slips due Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and represents your student's intent to go on the trip.** From this, we will be better able to calculate overall trip activities and costs.

The deposit is an extremely important payment as it allows us to commit financially to the hotel, bus, and festival and provides the directors the necessary time to fine-tune their musical selections. It also allows for review of student participation and creates the opportunity to determine a more exact cost for the trip. **No trip deposits will be accepted after February 1<sup>st</sup>.** This means that no students will be able to be added into the trip after February 1<sup>st</sup> so please plan accordingly.

Please review the eligibility policy – any student with less than 2.0 GPA and/or more than one failing grade for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter may not go on the trip. If a student decides for any reason (eligibility, financial, change of mind) not to make the trip, the amount of money, ***if any***, refunded to the student will depend on timing and venue deposit factors. ***A refund of monies paid into the trip is not guaranteed.*** We also require that students earn 10 music department service hours before departure for the trip.

We encourage ALL students to attend this wonderful event for many reasons. It will allow students the opportunity to demonstrate their hard work throughout the year in a performance with nationally recognized clinicians. The trip provides a much-deserved occasion for team and spirit building. Furthermore, it gives students an opportunity to reach their highest potential, as they will perform for not only other members of the Reservoir Music Department but also other music students from throughout the United States. Most importantly, we want all students to go on the Spring Trip because it will be a fun and memorable event!

Remember that all students may cover some or all of their trip fees by participating in the department's fundraising activities. Between now and April, students can earn monetary credits for their trip by participating in planned fundraisers, including: Mattress Sale, Joe Corbi's, Sheet Sale, Fruit Sale, Chocolate Sale, Grocery Cards, etc. Student account balances are compiled for each fundraiser and are available at request from the treasurer.

**Rough itinerary:** **April 5:** depart RHS after school; **April 6:** breakfast and change at the HUB, Disney park #1-performances and attractions; **April 7:** Disney park #2-performances and attractions;

**April 8:** Disney park #3-attractions and awards in the evening; **April 9:** Universal Studios, depart in evening for Maryland; **April 10:** arrive home in the afternoon

The trip payment schedule is listed below. Please make payments with a check or money order payable to “**RHS Music Boosters**”. To ensure your payment is credited to the right student, please indicate the payment number and your student’s name on the check. Payments should be placed in an envelope labeled with “**Spring Trip**” and the student’s name on it and deposited in the band room safe. You are more than welcome to submit smaller, more frequent payments, but please make sure those payments add up to the due date amounts listed below. You are also welcome to submit larger payments. ***Please note that all financial obligations, including trip costs and concert attire fees, must be satisfied at least one month before the trip departure date.***

To make this a successful trip, we will need several adult chaperones. The directors and the trip planning committee will be selecting interested parents based on their participation with the numerous music booster activities throughout the year. If interested, please contact Dr. Knauf via email at [gknauf@hcpss.org](mailto:gknauf@hcpss.org).

**A mandatory pre-trip Pledge Night is scheduled for Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7:00PM in the Auditorium. All students who will be participating in the 2017 Spring Trip must attend this meeting with at least one parent. Because this date is so close to the departure date, there will be no chance for a make-up meeting, so please mark your calendars now for this important date.**

We are looking forward to another exciting and successful trip and hope each and every Music Department member will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

David Bacon  
Band Director

Greg Knauf  
Choir Director

Colin O’Bryan  
Orchestra Director

#### Payment Schedule for Spring Trip 2017 to Orlando, FL

Payment	Due Date	Required Amount	Date Paid	Check #
Initial	Tuesday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$150		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$200		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$200		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, February 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$200		
Final	Wednesday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Balance		

Make checks payable to “RHS Music Boosters”. Please be certain to write “Trip Pmt #\_\_ for [Student Name]” on the memo to ensure proper credit.

We suggest you retain this page and use this form to keep track of your payments.